

In the Senate of the United States,

May 2, 2000.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3707) entitled “An Act to authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “American Institute in*
3 *Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. FINDINGS.***

5 *The Congress finds that—*

6 *(1) in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (22*
7 *U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Congress established the*
8 *American Institute in Taiwan (hereafter in this Act*
9 *referred to as “AIT”), a nonprofit corporation incor-*
10 *porated in the District of Columbia, to carry out on*

1 *behalf of the United States Government any and all*
2 *programs, transactions, and other relations with Tai-*
3 *wan;*

4 *(2) the Congress has recognized AIT for the suc-*
5 *cessful role it has played in sustaining and enhancing*
6 *United States relations with Taiwan;*

7 *(3) the Taipei office of AIT is housed in build-*
8 *ings which were not originally designed for the im-*
9 *portant functions that AIT performs, whose location*
10 *does not provide adequate security for its employees,*
11 *and which, because they are almost 50 years old, have*
12 *become increasingly expensive to maintain;*

13 *(4) the aging state of the AIT office building in*
14 *Taipei is neither conducive to the safety and welfare*
15 *of AIT's American and local employees nor commen-*
16 *surate with the level of contact that exists between the*
17 *United States and Taiwan;*

18 *(5) AIT has made a good faith effort to set aside*
19 *funds for the construction of a new office building,*
20 *but these funds will be insufficient to construct a*
21 *building that is large and secure enough to meet*
22 *AIT's current and future needs; and*

23 *(6) because the Congress established AIT and has*
24 *a strong interest in United States relations with Tai-*
25 *wan, the Congress has a special responsibility to en-*

1 *sure that AIT's requirements for safe and appropriate*
2 *office quarters are met.*

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
5 *authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$75,000,000 to*
6 *AIT—*

7 (1) *for plans for a new facility and, if necessary,*
8 *residences or other structures located in close physical*
9 *proximity to such facility, in Taipei, Taiwan, for*
10 *AIT to carry out its purposes under the Taiwan Rela-*
11 *tions Act; and*

12 (2) *for acquisition by purchase or construction of*
13 *such facility, residences, or other structures.*

14 (b) *LIMITATIONS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to*
15 *subsection (a) may only be used if the new facility described*
16 *in that subsection meets all requirements applicable to the*
17 *security of United States diplomatic facilities, including the*
18 *requirements in the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and*
19 *Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) and*
20 *the Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterrorism Act*
21 *of 1999 (as enacted by section 1000(a)(7) of Public Law*
22 *106–113; 113 Stat 1501A–451), except for those require-*
23 *ments which the Director of AIT certifies to the Committee*
24 *on International Relations of the House of Representatives*
25 *and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate are*

1 *not applicable on account of the special status of AIT. In*
2 *making such certification, the Director shall also certify*
3 *that security considerations permit the exercise of the waiv-*
4 *er of such requirements.*

5 *(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated*
6 *pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to remain avail-*
7 *able until expended.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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AMENDMENT